

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the second full paragraph in page 9 as follows:

In the printing machine having the above construction, a printing plate drawn from a supply cassette 31 in the plate feeder 23 is cut to a predetermined size by a cutter 32. A forward end of the printing plate cut into sheet form is guided by guide rollers and a guide member, and clamped by a clamping jaw on the first plate cylinder 11. Then, the first plate cylinder 11 is rotated by a motor 43 ~~described hereinafter~~, whereby the printing plate is wound peripherally of the first plate cylinder 11. The rear end of the printing plate is clamped by a different clamping jaw. While, in this state, the first plate cylinder 11 is rotated at low speed by the motor [[43]], the image recorder 25 irradiates the surface of the plate mounted peripherally of the first plate cylinder 11 with a modulated laser beam for recording an image thereon.

Please amend the paragraph spanning pages 9 and 10 as follows:

Similarly, a printing plate drawn from a supply cassette 33 in the plate feeder 24 is cut to a predetermined size by a cutter 34. A forward end of the printing plate cut into sheet form is guided by guide rollers and a guide member, and clamped by a clamping jaw on the second plate cylinder 12. Then, the second plate cylinder 12 is rotated by a motor 43 ~~described hereinafter~~, whereby the printing plate is wound peripherally of the second plate cylinder 12. The rear end of the printing plate is clamped by a different clamping jaw. While, in this state, the second plate cylinder 12 is rotated at low speed by the motor [[43]], the image recorder 26 irradiates the surface of the plate mounted peripherally of the second plate cylinder 12 with a modulated laser beam for recording an image thereon.

Please amend the first full paragraph in page 11 as follows:

First, each dampening water feeder 21a, 21b, 21c, 21d and each ink feeder 20a, 20b, 20c, 20d are placed in contact with only a corresponding one of the plates mounted on the first and second plate cylinders 11 and 12. Consequently, dampening water and inks are fed to the plates from the corresponding water feeders 21a, 21b, 21c, 21d and ink feeders 20a, 20b, 20c, 20d, respectively. The inks fed to the plates are transferred to the first and second blanket cylinders 13 and 14, respectively.

Please amend the paragraph spanning pages 14 and 15 as follows:

The image recorder 25 in the second embodiment further includes a chamber 203 for enclosing the recording head 201 moved to the same retreat position as in the first embodiment, and defining an opening, not shown, opposed to the moving region 220 for passage of the recording head 201, a shielding door 212 for opening and closing the opening 219, and a door moving mechanism 213 for moving the shielding door 212 between opening and closing positions. The chamber 203 is disposed on an extension of the direction of movement of the recording head 201, and laterally outwardly of one side plate 209.